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ex·te·ri·or [ik-stērē-ē-ər] Show IPA

-adjective

1. outer; being on the outer side: *the exterior surface; exterior decorations.*
2. intended or suitable for outdoor use: *exterior paint.*
3. situated or being outside; pertaining to or connected with what is outside: *the exterior territories of a country.*

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-noun

4. the outer surface or part; outside.
5. outward form or appearance: *She has a placid exterior, but inside she is tormented.*
6. *Mathematics*. the collection of points not contained in the closure of a given set.

Origin:

1525-35; < L, comp. of *exter* or *exterus* on the outside, outward. See [ex-](#)¹

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-Synonyms

1. outward, outside, external, superficial. 3. outlying, extraneous, foreign; extrinsic. 4. face. 5. mien, aspect.

-Antonyms

- 1, 4. interior.

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